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Country Christmas- let the countdown begin

by Tamara Collins

A Didsbury Chamber of Commerce event, Country Christmas is only days away, and businesses, event organizers, and shoppers are busy getting final details ready, in anticipation of the festive evening.

On Friday, Dec. 2, the town lights up for a night of entertainment, shopping, mingling and excitement. Businesses all over town stay open late with big sales, hot chocolate, cookies and chatter.

"It will be a fun night out that people really seem to enjoy," said Margo Ward, Country Christmas committee. "Even people from the city come out because it is such a unique evening."

This event has a real country home feeling to it, welcoming everyone to come out and help celebrate the upcoming holidays together.

One again this year, horse-drawn wagon rides will pick people up at the Victoria Square Mall, and for the first time ever, they will also pick up riders at Ward Value Drug Mart. Riders can get aboard at either location, and get off at the option of how long a ride they would like. The rides will go from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. weather permitting.

Stores all over town will be having a turkey draw, so make sure you get your name in wherever possible, to win one of over 50 free turkeys.

What would be Country Christmas without Santa Claus? Well we don't have to find out because Santa himself will be at Eldon Foote Hall



photo by Tamara Collins

Who can I get this for?

These two young ladies were getting some Christmas shopping done this past Saturday at the Scouts Christmas Market held at the Memorial Complex.

(Train Station) from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. getting his picture taken with children at no charge.

The Venturers will be selling beef on a bun in Eldon Foote Hall, as well the Beavers and Cubs will be there selling cotton candy. Didsbury Child and Youth Clubs will be giving out free popcorn at Victoria Square Mall once again.

Christmas trees will be for sale at the Mugs patio, sold by the Didsbury High School Field Hockey team, as a fundraiser for their trip to California this spring to compete in the California Cup, the trees will remain selling until Dec. 22. They will also set up a table of baked goods in front of Mugs for Country Christmas.

The Didsbury Library will be hosting Storytime, sponsored by the Mountain View Community Literacy Program.

"All the lights in town will be up by then and everything will look very pretty," said Ward. "It is also a great night to get out and view and become familiar with all the businesses in town, there are a number of new ones this year."

The Midnight Madness theme this event used to go by is now in the past, and businesses are not expected to stay open that late. Most businesses will remain open until 11 p.m.

Break-in spree continues, possible suspect seen

by Tamara Collins

Didsbury has experienced a number of break and enters along with Olds, Airdrie and Beiseker in the past weeks, and after realizing the similarities in the cases, the RCMP believe these cases are related, and now have a possible lead to catching the culprit.

"The whole area has been plagued with break-ins and we believe they are related," said Didsbury RCMP Sgt. O'Dwyer. "The cases are similar in nature and some clues left behind indicate to us they are related."

A man in his early thirties was driving around Airdrie in a two-tone tan or gray late 90's Dodge extend-a-cab pickup truck with a Montana license plate, and RCMP believe he may be associated to these occurrences.

The driver of the vehicle is a Caucasian male, approximately 5'9", with a very slim build, brown unkempt hair, a

gaunt face and heavily smoke stained fingers. He was seen wearing a black leather and fabric jacket and loose blue jeans. The male has been approaching houses, and if he finds people are home, he pretends he is needing directions.

If you have any information on this individual and/or vehicle, or if someone enters your property asking for directions, or anyone who looks suspicious, please call the RCMP immediately.

"Be polite, obtain as much information as possible, the licence plate number would be great, and whatever you do, do not let them inside your house," said Sgt. O'Dwyer. "If you see anyone you don't think belongs, call us. It is neighbors looking after each other."

You can contact the Didsbury RCMP at 335-3382.

"We don't know for sure if this guy is responsible for everything," said O'Dwyer. "We will know once we catch him though."

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NEWS

Recycling bins taken for granted



People are using the Didsbury recycling center as a dump yard, while the Didsbury Landfill site remains closed.

by Tamara Collins

Metal siding, artificial Christmas trees, and aerosol cans are just some of the objects being dumped into Didsbury recycling bins, making people question if Didsbury deserves to have this service at all.

"We get a lot of stuff thrown into them that does not belong," said Sheldon Ball, Town manager of Public Works. "People need to start abiding by the signs, and put their tins cans where the tin cans go, and not using these bins for their junk."

A possible reason for this problem is the fact that Didsburians need to travel to Olds or Carstairs to properly dispose of such garbage at a transfer site, because the Didsbury landfill site remains closed, possibly until next spring.

"It is a privilege to have a really good recycling center here, but if people keep this up we may need to get rid of it," said Ball. "People are treating it like a personal dumping ground."

According to Mountain View Waste Commission CAO Neil Kivell, it is the Town's responsibility to keep the

site tidy, so they have been going in and removing the garbage left there, and dis-

posing of it themselves, which happens at a cost to ratepayers.



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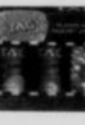
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"There is a cost for them to have to do that," said Kivell. "This sort of thing happens everywhere. The fact that the Didsbury landfill site is closed is part of the problem, people do not want to drive, but the other part of the problem is education."

The following items are accepted at the recycling site; tin cans, glass, newspaper, mixed paper, cardboard, mixed plastic (which includes anything plastic that will fit in), compost items (which is only accepted part of the year), and both plastic and wax milk jugs.

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Helping out in more ways than one

Grade 5 Westglen students donated pencils, pens and toys for Gord Krebs to bring on his trip to Fuji this January, for students there who are presently learning the English language. Krebs will be going to Fuji with CAAT, the same group he went to New Orleans with to help the animals affected by Hurricane Katrina, only this trip is to spay and neuter hunting dogs, which are over populated and have been attacking children. For full story see next week's Review.

Bill 210 could eliminate education tax

by Brad Linn

If it's up to MLA Richard Marz, Albertans would take the fistfuls of dollars from their property tax, and stuff it right back into their own pockets.

Last week, Marz introduced bill 210, that would see the elimination of the education tax altogether within five years, a 20 per cent reduction annually.

Realistically Marz doesn't see the tax break being implemented this year, but he hopes his bill will create discussion and urge the powers that be that, yes, indeed, Albertans want this sort of tax break.

"Getting rid of the education property tax will help seniors stay in their homes longer, and young people get into a home sooner (by making it) more affordable," he explained.

There are other benefits to this tax cut other than simply allowing Albertans to spend this extra chunk of dough where they want.

"We have to be competitive in North America with our taxes to attract manufacturing, to attract the most educated, brightest minds to keep our provinces cutting-edge and moving forward."

Marz has no intention of reducing education funding.

Scott Hennig Alberta Director for the Canadian Taxpayer's Federation said he would like to commend Marz on this bill but added it will likely "die" on the order paper because time is against them for legislature discussion this session.

"Taxpayers felt the brunt of what needed to be done in the nineties and we fully support the suggestion to eliminate the debt and control spending," he said, "At this point it's time to pay back taxpayers ... money we were otherwise handing over (to pay off our debt) should be given back to taxpayers."

Hennig said it's important for people to understand the education portion of the taxes doesn't go directly to schools, it goes into the big pot that is the general revenue fund and then doled out to various causes as the government sees fit.

Hennig said it is a good sug-

gestion for Marz to eliminate this part of the income tax because it is a "bad tax" and he used the fact that it has been frozen for seniors because the government realizes there are people out there that can't afford it.

Marz explained that because we have paid an annual average of \$3 billion to pay off the \$22.7 billion debt in this province over the last 12 years, we deserve a break.

"I'll be told we can't afford it but we were paying that \$3 billion on the debt, interest in principle, when gas was averaging \$3 per gigajoule and gas was \$12 a barrel.

"It's time Albertans are rewarded for the hard work and sacrifices they've made," he said, adding he hopes the government endorses the bill and brings it back next year.

This year Alberta boasts \$8.7 billion in surpluses.

"I believe the taxpayers should be rewarded because they were the ones that paid the bills and kept the province running during the time we were paying off the debt, and taxpayers deserve rebates and if we can't afford it now.... when would the time for tax breaks be better?" he questions. Marz added another asset to this tax break would be the elimination of administration costs for collection and redistribution.

The tax break works out to \$1.4 billion, or the same number the \$400 prosperity cheques amount to, either way, money stays in Albertans' pockets - but there is a difference.

"My bill will discipline government to reduce taxes every year," said Marz.

The other difference, said Hennig, is that the cheque giveaway will become a "gong show" because of the sheer logistics an uncertainty as to who's deserving of it.

"Why not put in a long term tax rather than a one time thing," he said.

"(Bill 210) is a very forward thinking bill, it should be a government bill, not a private members bill and it should be adopted by the government next session."



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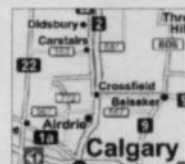
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MVC supports initiative to lift ban on two percent liquid strychnine

by Todd W. Hurman

In an effort to combat the thousands of acres damaged by ground squirrels every year in the county, Mountain View County council threw its support behind an initiative on Nov. 23 to lift a ban on two per cent liquid strychnine.

Council accepted a letter as information from the County's Agriculture Services Board that was forwarded to the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) asking that the highly toxic poison become available again in the two per cent liquid form as it was between 2001 and 2003 where County employees mixed and distributed the poison to nearly 1900 farms in the area covering some 400,000 hectares of land.

The PMRA has been accepting comments over the last two months as part of Health Canada's program to re-assess all pesticides registered prior to 1995 using current scientific approaches.

The PMRA is expected to ask Health Canada to consider allowing municipalities to once again purchase the colourless and extremely bitter poison on an interim basis to help control Richardson's, Columbian, Franklin and thirteen-lined ground squirrels that the Alberta and Saskatchewan governments have long said are causing heavy damages to farmers' land.

It can't come soon enough, according to Reeve Al Kemmere.

Kemmere, who farms 320 hectares between Highways 2 and 2A, said he loses anywhere from 16 to 20 hectares of land every year. He said he supports the lifting of the ban because the current RTU baits don't work very well. Kemmere is also

unable to use firearms to control gophers because of the proximity of his farm to major traffic routes.

"Strychnine is very, very, quick, it's painless and it's over. What else am I supposed to do and now that I am over run with them and I am trying to catch up? I need more than the passive poisons to do this, I need something that will smack (the gophers)," he said.

Strychnine has been banned in the United States since 1988 and in Canada since 1993 because of its potential toxicity not only to humans, but to other species, especially endangered and those at risk, which is the main reason it was banned.

Municipalities can currently purchase pre-mixed ready-to-use (RTU) baits, or use other forms such as firearms, mustard foam, water, or introduce predatory species - alternatives that many farmers, including, Kemmere, say are either too time-consuming, ineffective or costly.

Jeff Holmes, the County's agricultural fieldman, said he receives numerous complaints every year from farmers about the ineffectiveness of the current RTU baits that predominantly come out of Ontario from two national distributors.

The problem, Holmes said, is that the baits only have a seven-day shelf life, and most of the shipments lose their potency because of frequent shipping delays involved with transporting it across the country.

Despite having RTU baits available out of Coaldale, Alta., for the first time this year, which have helped somewhat according to Holmes, he said having the two per cent form available to be mixed on-demand is still the cheapest, quickest and most effective method of dealing with pesky gophers.

"For one you are mixing it with your own product, you save on shipping, and the baits work best when they are mixed fresh," Holmes said.

However, opponents of strychnine believe the ban shouldn't be lifted because of the threat it poses to other wildlife.

"Our approach is that it was banned for a very good reason in 1993, nothing has changed effectively since then and the risk to everything else is just unacceptable," said Nigel Douglas, a conservation specialist with Alberta Wilderness Association (AWA).

"There is no way it can be used without considerable by-kill. If it was the only possible way to deal with ground squirrel problems then maybe we could look and say, is that by-kill acceptable, but it's not the only way," said Douglas, adding that if the ban is lifted how can individuals be trusted to mix the poison properly, ultimately threatening any animal that ingests the baits directly or from eating gopher carcasses.

However, Holmes said the County's submission to the PMRA states it only "supports the safe and responsible use of strychnine and would support any measures necessary to ensure the product is not abused."

"The county doesn't support giving everybody strychnine. The safe, responsible use is what we support," Holmes said.

While the chances of submission going through before an expected election are slim, Holmes said even if a local business were able to buy the two per cent liquid form, it "would be better than what we have now," he said.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Country Christmas



TAMARA COLLINS
EDITORIAL

Every year the planning gets bigger and bigger, and the evening gets better and better...

If there is a Friday night to stick around town for, then it is this Friday, Dec. 2 which is Didsbury Country Christmas.

The events of the evening include everything from horse drawn wagon rides, cotton candy, Santa Claus, face painting, a mini trade show, and much much more.

Things I remember most about last year are the sales (of course, I am a woman), the mini donuts that James Carpenter was giving out, the smiles on everyone's

faces, and the joy in the air. I think things will be similar this year, except James has put away the donut machine and this year he and Claude Baril (Didsbury Drugs) will be pulling out the hot dogs together.

This is a great evening to get your Christmas shopping done, or in my case started. Almost every store in town has one sale or another on. I am excited to head to Fitness F/X and pick up a two-month membership for only \$60, or to Ribbons and Bow Gifts to roll the dice and see what percent I will save, or how about to Victoria Square Mall for some free popcorn. Really though, you want to go to every store you can, because they are all having specials, just check out your Country Christmas flyer, in the mail this week.

The best part of Country Christmas is realizing how lucky we are to live in a small town where we can all stay open late, and walk around visiting with our friends and neighbors, drinking hot chocolate, and feeling right at home.



MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR WILD ROSE,
MYRON THOMPSON

Thompson pays tribute to Ralph McCall school's contact with Expedition 12 astronauts



Myron Thompson

Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose paid tribute today to Ralph McCall School on this final day of the 38th Parliament.

"This coming Friday, December 2, for the first time in Alberta history, Kindergarten to grade 8 students and staff from the Ralph McCall school in Airdrie will be contacting the Expedition 12 astronauts on board the international Space Station as it passes over their heads. Using amateur or ham radio equipment that has been provided and operated by local volunteers, 10 students will ask Station Commander Bill McArthur

questions for 12 minutes as the station travels at 23000 km per hour from horizon to horizon.

The remaining 700 students, special guests and parents will be witnessing what truly is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Hundreds of volunteer hours have been spent preparing the equipment, the gymnasium and the students for this amazing event.

To Brian Jackson and the whole student body of Ralph McCall school congratulations on this outstanding achievement. You have made not only Airdrie, but Alberta and your country proud."

Wonderings of the heart

by Margaret Fradley

"Appreciation"

On our cruise, there were 1500 on board. It was amazing, and I was reminded of the many personnel on our ship that cheerfully and tirelessly gave of themselves to make our voyage more enjoyable.

Not only were there the bedroom stewards, the waiters in the dining room and at the buffets offered, but many were responsible for what seemed mundane jobs, those people that were rarely noticed for all they did, such as those who had to clean up after us, did the multitude of washing, right down to the linen table napkins always at our tables, to those who constantly cleaned up after us, even daily shining up the brass rails in the elevators, everything was always spotless. Someone had to see to that!!

How often we acknowledge those who hold important positions, those who are able and called to do great things in life, but how rarely we are reminded to think about those who do the little "behind the scene" jobs, the preparing for, and cleaning up after the so called important things have taken place. Where are we in all of this? Everyone has a special gifting, a unique calling, and is important. Does each receive the same 'word of thanks', our appreciation for all they do? Life is complex, sometimes we miss what is really important, we need to take stock of how we treat one another. Let us remember to give that word of encouragement.



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Christmas Helper Program

Re: "Your public post office delivers - for now."

Dear Editor:

As the Christmas season draws closer and the signs of the season, begin to decorate our town, we start to think of others. We have all had a year to have lived, loved, worked, etc. For some of us it has been a rewarding year but for others it has been a struggle month after month trying to pay the ever increasing bills and still eat. To make this Christmas season brighter for these people Christmas Helpers was formed. Our goal is 100 plus hampers to help our neighbors in the Didsbury area.

I would like to thank again the organizations, families, schools, churches and individuals who gave so liberally to make the past years program a success.

Please Didsbury as the 2005 program begins Dec. 1 and ends Dec. 22 I would again ask your hearts to be open to the needs of those within the area of Didsbury.

Get involved, someday you may, due to circumstances beyond your control need this help. Please don't judge or become critical. Life has its way of bringing the balances even.

1. Pick up an angel or more from the Christmas trees located at Marko's Bakery or the Victoria Square Mall. Buy an age appropriate gift and attach the angel to the unwrapped gift. Then drop it off at the post Office. This was a new program last year and

you did so well please help again.

2. Many groups or businesses are helping to collect non-perishable food or drop yours off at the Zion Church Monday-Friday during office hours.

3. Money is needed to buy additional food and provide the meat vouchers. You may be receipted if cheques are made out to Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, at the bottom say food hamper program. Thank you in advance for helping this way.

4. If you know a family or individual needing this kind of help contact the Zion Church with the name and contact phone number. Phone 335-3629 and the secretary will gladly help you fill in your request.

Finally come and join us with the annual gift wrap and food sort. Where: Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

When: Dec. 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Who: anyone, any age, all help needed. Many families make this a Christmas Event

What to Bring: left over gift wrap, scissors, tape and most of all your Christmas Spirit.

Thank you for helping make this year's program a great success. Help where you can. The need is great!

Sincerely,
Linda Sirr
Linda Regner

Dear Editor:

I would like to address some issues raised in the November 15 letter, "Your public post office delivers - for now."

The statement by the president of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) that Canada Post is closing offices, reducing services and cutting jobs distorts the truth.

Canada Post fully respects the moratorium on the closure of rural post offices. Since January 2005, more than 130 small offices in rural Canada have been staffed or are in the process of being staffed. There are, however, instances where the closure of a rural post office is unavoidable. For example, the death or retirement of the postmaster or a fire in the building in which the post office is housed could result in temporary closure. When these events occur, Canada Post consults with local officials to examine ways to provide continued service. In every instance, mail continues to be delivered in the community and the identity of that community is maintained. Where the consultation yields no viable options, and as a last resort, a consolidation of retail services with a nearby post office may occur.

The announced closure of the Québec Letter Processing Plant (QLPP) is a business decision based on the fact that the QLPP no longer meets Canada Post's requirements. Seventy per cent of the mail sorted at the QLPP is destined for areas outside the Québec City region. The sorting plant in Montreal has sufficient capacity to handle the extra volume and no regular full-time or part-time employees will lose their job as a result of the change. Canada Post will maintain some 1,100 jobs in Québec City in other functions.

With the advent of electronic communications, lettermail erosion is a reality and a challenge that Canada Post — and all other postal administrations — face every day. The claim by the CUPW that

lettermail volumes are not decreasing is misleading. Without the volumes generated by the federal election and an additional trading day in 2004, lettermail volumes would have been flat at best. With the addition of some 240,000 new addresses to our network each year, Canada Post actually delivers less mail to more addresses, increasing our cost per piece to deliver. These new addresses alone cost Canada Post between \$20 and \$30 million a year.

The financial performance in 2004 is not indicative of the future given that our ability to increase revenue through price action is limited by the existence of a price cap formula that restricts the increase of domestic postage to two-thirds of the rate of inflation, as well as com-

petitive pressures. We face escalating cost pressures from benefit costs, high fuel prices, growth in points of delivery, and lower delivery density. Over the next five years revenues are anticipated to increase at an annual compounded average growth rate of 2.4%, while expenses will increase at a rate of 3.4%, placing the profitability of Canada Post at risk.

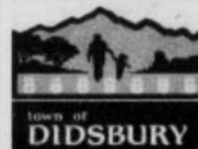
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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

TOWN COUNCIL:

December 13, 2005 - Council Chambers, 7:00 pm

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Dec. 6th - Council Chambers, 7:00 pm

PUBLIC HEARING - Cat Bylaw

Dec. 13th - Council Chambers, 6:00 pm

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wed., November 30 & Dec. 21, 2005 - Council Chambers, 4:30 pm

DIDSBURY LIFELINE SOCIETY

Monday, December 12, 2004 - Council Chambers, 10:00 a.m.

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

- DP 104-05 2137 - 25 Avenue Single Family Dwelling R2
- DP 105-05 105 Westridge Place Single Family Dwelling R1 with waivers

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on December 13, 2005.

Robert Wigg - Development Officer

RE: Medical Marijuana Coming To Alberta, And Not What You Think

To The Editor,

"...with no psychoactive products, so you won't get high or the munchies, or overdose."

First of all, it is impossible to "overdose" on marijuana, unless you want to call "falling asleep" an overdose.

Hemp is fantastic, but it is not medical marijuana. Tangerines are not oranges, and nor should Hemp be called "medical marijuana".

I have fibromyalgia, and my

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WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND TOWN?

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NEWS

MVC presents compressed work week for employees in event of storm

by Todd W. Hurman

In an attempt to improve efficiency and free up staff in the event of a snowstorm, Mountain View County administration presented a compressed work week for operational and agricultural employees to council on Nov. 20.

The modifications stipulate that during a normal week, staff would work nine hours a day, Monday to Thursday, and eight hours on Friday.

But in the event of snowstorm or other times of need, the policy states that the work week for employees can be compressed into fewer days to ensure the roads are cleared in a timely fashion.

"When we have a snowstorm, a flood, or other types of emergencies, staff will be put on to a 24-hour rotation, 12-hours per staff member

and they would work until it is cleared, which is normally a 72-hour period for a snowstorm," interim chief administrative officer Doug Plamping said.

The new package would give the county greater flexibility to mobilize staff to keep the county's 2,800 kilometres of road clear as well as secure full-time positions for previously seasonal employees. It will also help to improve service overall, Plamping said.

"There were too many different ways of paying staff and too many different classifications of staff," he said.

"It's a good benefit for the staff and it improves service to the public."

Plamping said the policy will also help to retain staff and should allow the County to cut down on winter hours, reducing overtime.

"Because we have an ex-

act scheme in place, those hours can go to the summer, so we can get more maintenance undertaken," Plamping said.

And if there is little snowfall this year, Plamping said employees will be busy in other areas that need attention.

Pending the approval of council on Dec. 7, the new work-week policy will take effect on Jan. 6.

Didsbury Elks Close Bingo

Tuesday, November 29, 2005 will mark the last event of the Didsbury Elks Weekly Bingo. It is with regret that the Elks have decided to shut down this function that has been part of the Community for the last 35 years. The Elks wish to express a heartfelt thank-you to all the people

who have been part of this most valuable activity in our Community. Through these efforts we have been able to provide funding for many projects over the years. Words alone cannot amply express our appreciation to the players and the workers.

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Correction

In last week's Didsbury Review a letter ran, "Please don't let us be killed" and in it, it read that a dog was shot and killed in the town of Didsbury. The writer meant to say the dog was shot less than a km outside the town of Didsbury. There is no shooting firearms allowed in the town for ANY reason.



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AMEC Infrastructure Limited has been retained by Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation to review the traffic operations on Highway 582 and make appropriate recommendations for its improvement. This open house will present a preferred access management strategy for improving traffic operations in the study corridor. The study area comprises a five-kilometre section of Highway 582 with the majority of the roadway within the Town of Didsbury.

This highway is not currently scheduled for upgrades but it is important to have a plan defined to allow for future improvements, bridge replacements, intersection improvements and development applications based on a permanent alignment.

We invite you to attend a Public Information Session:

Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2005
Time: 4:00 - 8:00 pm
Location: Westglen School Gymnasium
2405 - 23rd Avenue
Didsbury, AB

This is the second and final open house on this project. The previous open house was held at Westglen School on September 14, 2005.

For further information, please contact:

Keith Helberg, P.Eng.
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Neighborhood

Hooked on living life to the fullest

Nothing can stop this 88-year-old from making the most of each day

by Tamara Collins

After 40 years of technique, and 2425 achievements, not even blindness stopped Didsbury's 88-year-old Wallace Brower from creating his well known hangers, and generously giving them to others.

Brower was diagnosed legally blind five years ago, but that did not stop him from making his hangers wrapped in yarn, the ones he has been making for the past 35 years.

"I sit down in the evenings and instead of watching TV, because I can't see it, I make hangers," said Brower. "I once saw a lady make them, but she only used one hanger, and I use two hangers for each one I make, keeps them stronger."

Brower takes the two hangers, puts them together, and uses a special style to wrap yarn around them, tightly, and only up to where the hangers start to hook, he then stops there. Once the hanger is done, clothes stay on it, so you don't have to worry about things slipping off them, and they also look nicer than a plain old hanger.

Brower spends about five hours a day on his hangers, which take him a half an hour each.

"Usually I make ten a day," said Brower. "I keep track of all the ones I make on a tablet. Once the hangers are done I give them away."

Even though the hangers do come at a cost to Brower, he gives them away to everyone for free.



photo by Tamara Collins

Wallace Brower works hard on a special hanger, a style he has been making for the past 40 years, even after being diagnosed as legally blind five years ago.

"I sold 100 hangers once for \$1 each," said Brower. "After I felt so bad I went and gave her another 100."

Brower buys the hangers he uses from Didsbury Dry Cleaners, 500 hangers for \$50.

"Sometimes I make mistakes, but my wife helps me," said Brower. "The goal is to have 2500 made before Christmas."

Brower is not really sure where the idea to start making these hangers came from, he just says it came from the back of his head. Once the hangers are made Brower delivers them to halls, churches, and businesses in Didsbury and Olds. He has even sent some overseas to the Compassionate Ministries.

"I have got them all over

the place, even in the States," said Brower. "I gotta do something with them, the closets at home are already filled with them."

Every Christmas Brower goes to the houses on 17th Ave, where he lives, and gives everyone ten hangers. If no one is home he leaves them hanging on their door.

"Some of those people must have about 80 hangers by now,"

said Brower. "They last forever though, and they will not slide on the bar, that is why I don't put material on the top."

Brower always likes to be doing something with his time, he used to also enjoy farming, painting, and cutting and polishing different stones.

"I always need to be kept busy," said Brower. "I don't want anything in return, it is more blessed to give than to receive."



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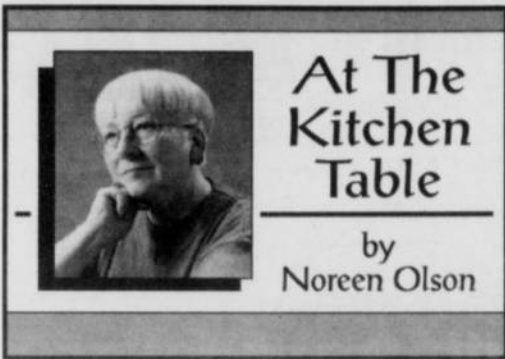


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NEIGHBORHOOD



At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

Because Kirsten had a couple of meetings in Edmonton last week, Jonas 3½ and Anna 18 mos. spent the day with Grandma and Grandpa. We rarely get them all to ourselves so we thoroughly enjoyed the day. Anna went with me to a W.I. meeting, Jonas helped Grandpa move bales and feed cows, they both listened to stories, fed the dog, had rides on the swing and cheerfully ate Grandma's cooking. Anna doesn't talk much yet but Jonas is a fine conversationalist.

"Who shall we invite for Christmas?" I asked him, "shall we have lots of people for dinner?"

"Yes," he said firmly, "and remember we have to decorate." "That's a good idea," I agreed, "and what shall we feed all these people?"

"Well," Jonas said thoughtfully, "my mom knows how to make chocolate pudding."

If only it were that easy. Invite all your family and friends, put up the tree, hang a few velvet ribbons and ask a guest to bring the chocolate pudding. It would still be Christmas and goodness knows there is no real need to decorate everything from the road gate to the bathroom and make twelve kinds of cookies and a nine course dinner, but where does one draw the line? All the decorations are here waiting to be hung, and if I am blessed with a family that wants to come home, and if I can tell the difference between the stove and the fridge and still find my recipe files, you can be sure I'm going to decorate and cook. I will cover the mantel in lacy angels, unpack the crèche collection and the tinsel, crank up the stereo, thaw the biggest turkey that will fit in the oven and write Christmas cards 'til dawn. It's Christmas and I will be neither frugal nor temperate. I will sew and knit, bake and wrap, donate and decorate until I am exhausted. This is the time for excess and overabundance but I am forced to admit that as I grow older it becomes more and more difficult to do all the things I want to do, so if there is an easier way I am certainly open to suggestion. The new Canadian Living has an article that promises "how you can go easier on yourself and still have a wonderful festive season." I turned to the article with some degree of scepticism but was pleasantly surprised to find several sensible ideas, albeit geared to a more urban environment.

Here then are some of my suggestions geared toward a rural or small town family.

Strive for great instead of perfect. If your tree is a bit flat on one side turn that side to the wall, if the poinsettia drops most of its petals add a big red bow to the ones that remain, if you can't find time to make the dipped scotch shortbread this year, plan to make it first next year. Don't try any new complicated recipes, this is a time for tradition and stick with the tried and true that you know will turn out. If a beautiful dinner table is important to you do that area and fuss less over the rest of the house. No house should be so perfectly decorated that children are afraid to play in it and adults can't find anything to read.

Don't be overcome with guilt. So you intended to knit sweaters for the entire family and this was the year you were going to refinish the antique rocking horse. You did your best and you ran out of time. Face it, forget it, and start over. In January you can send the horse to a professional and start knitting on the biggest sweater.

Delegate and adapt. A couple of years ago I broke with tradition and roasted the turkey unstuffed. I made the dressing and baked it in a separate pan. The turkey took less time to roast, the dressing was a lot less soggy, the gravy was clearer and the turkey carcass was easier to disassemble. I will never stuff another turkey. I have also begun to let family members bring things like salads and buns and sweet potatoes.

As usual I will make my Mother's steamed Christmas pudding but this year maybe I'll ask Kirsten to do a chocolate one as well. Have a happy holiday season.

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by Noreen Olson

Palliative Care Room grand opening



by Tamara Collins

Last Monday the grand opening of the Palliative Care Room on Acute Care (Unit 2) at the Didsbury Hospital took place. Organizations that were involved were the Palliative Care Committee, which donated \$3,000 Tree of Hope dollars in association with The Rosebud Health Foundation. The DDHS Auxiliary also donated \$1,500, and Interior designer Cheryl Dingman from Color Your World in Olds donated her expertise on design suggestions.

The Room is in memory of individuals that passed away in the palliative care room. The Hospital would like to thank the family members that also contributed items to the room.

Hospital staff also helped with the Room, including Candy Northcott who, with the help of Unique Stained Glass, made a stain glass picture. The following nurses on their own time did the shopping and the decorating: Charlene Hawkins,

Marilyn Goetjen, Maggie Lang, and Jim Bales, maintenance worker, donated the counter top as well as time.

The Tree of Hope is getting ready to shine again this season, and the committee needs your help in lighting it. They are presently accepting names (in memory of, or just someone you would like to send a Christmas blessing to) and donations. Forms are available at most

businesses in town, just look for the poster in their windows.

Dawna Faryna, volunteer co-ordinator of DDHS, will also be accepting Tree of Hope forms at the Elks Hall during Country Christmas, Friday Dec. 2.

This year the Tree of Hope dollars will go towards Homecare.

The Tree of Hope official lighting will take place on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.

Special Families Resource Association

is pleased to invite Parents and Caregivers of Special Needs Children to a special presentation by Linda Simpson of Family Voices (AACL) on November 30, 2005 in the Educational Conference Room of the Didsbury Hospital at 7:00 pm. Come and listen to what Alberta Association of Community Living (AACL) has to offer for you and your family. Learn what rights you have and the resources available to those who raise or care for Special Needs Children.

Please contact Cindy Tippe @ 335-4123 if you would like to attend.



Straight From the Table - 24.11.05

Balancing development and quality of rural life presents ongoing challenge

Council Hears Four Rezoning Applications

Four public hearings opened the Regular Council meeting on November 23rd. Presenters including the Planning Department and applicants, stated their rationale for re-designing of properties. All four cases highlighted the challenge that Mountain View County and other rural communities are facing as development opportunities and the preservation of rural lifestyle and agricultural land need to be aligned. Results of the applications are included in the Council minutes which are posted on the web site. Council will be reviewing the Municipal Development Plan in the New Year.

Temporary Water Valley North Road Bridge to be Installed

The Water Valley North Bridge Project, which started last spring, has encountered delays because of four separate floods at the site; a cement shortage and difficulties with labour because of increased demand from the oil and gas sector. In order to complete the project and keep access open for local residents, Council has approved an option for the Contractors to complete the approach and installation of formwork to allow for a single lane temporary bridge. The temporary bridge will be open over the winter. Residents can expect the bridge to be closed for a maximum of 5 weeks in May and early June to complete the project. Cost of the temporary bridge is being shared by the contractor, the County and Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation. The temporary bridge and appropriate signage will be ready for use shortly.

Council Approves MOU with Chinook's Edge School Division

In a collaborative effort to ensure appropriate long term allocation of reserve lands for future schools, Council has approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Chinook's Edge School Division and the County. The MOU has been developed to facilitate open communication and clear direction for both the School Division and the County when planning for new schools. Moreover, it provides a model for hearing and meeting the needs of communities and ensuring appropriate sites are set aside for the long term. This model is being successfully used in other Alberta rural municipalities.

Council Supports Local Community Initiatives

Council has approved a donation of \$600 for the Olds and District Kiwanis Music Festival Society and indicated enthusiastic support for the Rosebud Run Sled-dog Race. The County will promote the event through its agencies, including posting information on the County site.

County meets with 23 Provincial Ministers at AAMD&C Fall Convention

Interim CAO Doug Plamping presented a report highlighting events at the recent Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Convention attended by Councillors and selected staff members last week. The Convention resulted in several successful resolutions and the opportunity for the County to interface with 23 different Provincial Ministers. A copy of Mr. Plamping's report is posted on the web site.

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AROUND THE CIRCLE

"Snowflake Lane Christmas Display"

by Marge St. Clair

Wed. Nov. 30

The Didsbury Golf Club is inviting members to attend the General meeting at the 5-0 Club at 7:30 p.m. The Financial Statement is to be discussed and there will be an election of officers for 2006.

Thurs., Dec. 1

Eldon Foote Hall will be open at 1:00 p.m. for all Seniors (men included) of the town and districts to gather for an afternoon of activities with refreshments to follow.

Fri. Dec. 2

The Didsbury Hospital Auxiliary will welcome you to the annual Tea, Bake Sale and Craft Sale in the dining room in Unit #3 at the Hospital from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 2

Cribbage play will start at 7:00 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. Bring your partner and enjoy the games and the coffee & goodies and visiting afterwards.

From Dec. 1st to Jan. 1st/06 you are invited to enjoy the "Snowflake Lane Christmas Display" from 5:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m., feel free to drive through the yard because you will miss a lot if you don't go the whole circle. You will drive 2 miles south on 23rd St., 1 mile west on the Westcott Road, then south on range Road 2.1. Bus trips can be accommodated. Enjoy!

Fri. Dec. 2

The downtown will be all lit up tonight for the Annual Country Christmas Midnight Madness. There is a mini fair in the Elks Hall, the Scouting Groups will satisfy your hunger at Eldon Foote Hall from 5:30 - 8 p.m. You will see Santa, wagon rides will be on all evening and great shopping for all.

Sat. Dec. 3 & Sun. Dec. 4

The Nativity Display at Bergthall Church is open to all for viewing on Sat. from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. On Sunday the viewing will be held after the Church Service until 3:00 p.m.

Looking for a nice Christmas Tree? Trees will be on sale until Dec. 21st on the outdoor Patio

behind Mugs, by the High School Girl's Field Hockey team. They will also have a Bake sale on Dec. 2nd to raise money for the California Cup 2006.

Did you miss all those dates for your flu shot? It still isn't too late, please phone Didsbury Public Health at 335-7292.

Sun. Dec. 4

The Westerdale Community is having the annual Community Pot Luck dinner at the Westerdale Hall at 1:00 p.m. Anyone who wants to contribute to the entertainment is most welcome to do so before a visit from Santa Claus takes place. Also, there will be an open house to pick up pictures that were sent in for the New History Book and books will also be available. If you want a book but cannot attend this, please phone Barbara at 335-4498, Greta Bolton 556-6076 or you can pick one up at Krebs Veterinary Services in Didsbury.

Sun. Dec. 4

This will be an evening of music to remember when the Mountain View Choraliers present "The Joyous Sounds of Christmas" at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Didsbury. The program starts at 7:00 p.m. and lunch and refreshments will follow. Donations to the Food Bank will be gladly accepted.

Mon. Dec. 5

The Alzheimer Support Group will meet in the Board Room at the Olds Hospital from 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Wendy at 335-2393 has more info.

Tues. Dec. 6

The Hospital Auxiliary members will meet at 11:30 a.m. in Unit #3 and then proceed to "The Blooming Fields" for lunch and the meeting to follow. Have a great time.

Tues. Dec. 6

The Mountain View Christian Women's Breakfast is being held from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. upstairs in the Carstairs arena. "Christmas is for Giving". Special speaker, feature and music. Vicki at 335-3500 or Margie at 335-3765 will gladly take your calls for reservations. Free baby sitting is supplied by the Women's Club.

Bus tours are welcome to the Gold Eagle Farm where over 24,000 lights are on display from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. nightly until Dec. 30. This farm is located 5 M east of the Didsbury overpass, 3 M north and then 2 M east.

Thurs. Dec. 8

Friends "n" Fun are inviting all seniors to the Multi Purpose Room at the Didsbury Complex at 1:00 p.m. The R.C.M.P. will be presenting a workshop on Fraud, Home Security and Elder Abuse. A Town rep. will also be present so residents can express their concerns. Refreshments will follow.

Mon. Dec. 12

The Didsbury Lifeline Society will meet at the Town Office at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions on having a Lifeline installed, please attend to get the information.

Fri. Dec. 16

All curlers please note: Dec. 16 is the closing date for entries for the 12th annual Didsbury Farm & Ranch Bonspiel. Neil Youngs at 335-4496 is taking the entries. Teams are to be made up of 3 Farmers (men, mixed, or women) and a business person will be drawn to complete the team.

Sun. Dec. 18

The Didsbury High School Band Society is having the Annual Tea and Silent Auction at

2:00 p.m. in the Westglen Gym. There will be all bands in Concert and dessert will be served.

The auction always has numerous wonderful items to bid on. Everyone most welcome.

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Body of Baby Found

The body of a new born infant was found on some brush land about nine miles west of town on Sunday last by Mr. Otto Kreger. The body was lying on a piece of sack. The little body was badly decomposed. Information was immediately brought to town and Dr. Reid, coroner, went out and viewed the remains, which were brought into town. It is supposed that the body had been exposed for about two weeks.

Corp. Augerman, R.N.W.M.P., of Innisfail came down on Monday to look into the case and the following gentlemen were subpoenaed for an inquest: Messrs. E. G. Reitzel, J. E. Liersemer, F. Francis, B. A. St. Clair, F. Moyle and J. V. Herscht. Dr. A. J. Weart was acting coroner in place of Mr. Reid who was indisposed.

After viewing the remains the inquest was adjourned until next Monday and in the meantime Coroner Reid and Dr. Weart will make a post mortem examination to determine the cause of death.

...this tiny baby was buried in the Didsbury Cemetery in an unmarked grave. I have read the papers up to the end of July 1913 and there is nothing else written about this baby. We don't know if it was a boy or a girl or how it died. Recently the men that work at the town shop decided they would like to put up a marker at this gravesite. If you would like to donate to this project you can do so at the Didsbury Market Place or the town shop. Those donating will be notified of the date the marker is to be placed.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

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Mark your calendar for Friday, December 2nd and point your car to Didsbury for Country Christmas!

The town of Didsbury is quite possibly the very best decorated community in Alberta during the Christmas season, and you might just want to bring your camera along. The Chamber of Commerce acknowledges all the businesses who decorate their storefronts, and gives special thanks to the Town of Didsbury staff and our volunteers who pull it all together.

Bring the kids and take in all the fun. Hop on board a wagon and take a hayride around town courtesy of Ward Value Drug Mart and Victoria Square Mall. Make sure you stop in all the participating stores, and get your name in the draw for a free turkey! Turkeys will be going home to

about 50 lucky winners! Stop in at the Train Station, visit with Santa Claus, and get your picture taken with the "Jolly Old Elf".

Best of all during Country Christmas is the great feeling you get while shopping at home. Didsbury retailers have got some of the neatest gift ideas. Chocolates and candy, candles and vases, gift baskets, tools, slippers and mittens, gift certificates, and more! Great specials on gift wrapping, Christmas cards, and all those ornaments and trimming for the tree ... you'll find it all in Didsbury during Country Christmas!

For more information on the Chamber, give us a call at 335-3265, send us an e-mail at info@didsburychamber.ca or check us out on the web at www.didsburychamber.ca.

Up and Down the Fireman's Ladder

by Tyrone Patten

One would never know that it was November the way the weather has been lately. This just may be the summer that we never had. I heard that we may have a brown Christmas. It is too early to tell, as we still have a month to go.

I don't have a lot to report on the training agenda, but we do have 4 recruits that are very close to graduating. This is always an exciting time for

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NEIGHBORHOOD

Still crafty at 96

by Shawne Mohl

When you have almost 100 years to perfect the art of crocheting, you get pretty good at it as Mary Hunter, 96, knows first hand.

Hunter, who is four years away from being a century old, has always loved doing different types of crafts, especially those that have involved her favorite hobby of all - crocheting.

The native prairie Albertan who was actually born and raised just east of Town in the Acme area explained that she has always made different crafts, many which she has sold over the years and others which she has worked extra hard at and gave them away as Christmas presents to her friends and family over the past few decades.

This year, is no exception. Dressers and tables in Hunter's room at Chinook Winds Seniors Lodge is filled with numerous beautiful crafts which she has worked tirelessly on for the last little while. From snowmen, to figures of



Ninety-six-year-old, Carstairs' Chinook Winds Seniors Lodge resident Mary Hunter sits with just a few of her crafts she has been working on.

-photo by Shawne Mohl

jolly old Santa Claus, to numerous other neat little crafts which symbolize the upcoming holiday season.

For quite a few years Hunter would donate hours of her time making afghans for sick children in need of a comfy blanket that made them feel more like they were at home.

"I have been making afghans for the children's hospital for quite a while," the spry

96-year-old woman explained. She also made toques which she donated to the Carstairs Lion's Club as part of their annual Christmas Hamper Drive.

Hunter's mind is still very good and she is still very healthy for being nearly a century old. She doesn't use a walker or a cane to walk, and her friends and family believe her doing all of her crafts have helped keep her mind in tip top shape.

The great thing about all of this is that with Hunter being so elderly, yet still being healthy is that she can still enjoy spending time with her four daughters, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

So, next time you stop by the Lodge be sure to visit with Hunter to see what she is working on next.

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Tory spending worries

by Brad Linn

The Tory's are continuing their spendthrift ways, and members of opposition parties and political observers don't like it one bit. Even Mountain View County's MLA Richard Marz disagrees with the inordinate number of handouts, only he's less virulent than the others.

Marz acknowledged that yes indeed it is important to invest in health, education, and transportation, but perhaps not at such a rapid and reckless pace.

"I do support catching up on some of those things," he said, explaining that some areas fell into disrepair while our province was in the business of paying off the deficit. "(But) I would like to see a little more thorough debate and discussion on the spending prior to doing it."

The province has amassed a whopping \$8.7 billion surplus this year that has been whittled down to \$5.9 billion by what the opposition says, is out of control, unbudgeted spending that

hasn't been through the proper legislative process.

The government fiscal update released last week, projects total spending this year at \$27-billion.

"They've completely blown their budget and they've returned to the habits they've had that got us into such a deep debt in the late eighties," Liberal leader Kevin Taft told the Albertan. "It's like history repeating itself."

"It's alarming to watch this spending spree by the Tories. There's absolutely no plan - without a plan we're getting lost, we're losing our future," Taft said.

Scott Hennig, Alberta Director for the Canadian Taxpayer's Federation, said banking some royalty revenue from the surpluses to create a sustainable tax cut for future generations would be sustainable and smart.

"The spending increases are grossly larger than their tax-break increase," he said, "Anytime you're spending a lot more than your tax base is increasing is a recipe for disaster. They're going to have to

cut programs or increase taxes if they don't take control of their spending."

Marz said he hears the same sentiments from his constituents and he has "taken their message to the caucus and expressed those concerns strongly."

"I'd like to see caucus members engage more in the specifics of what we're doing beyond just voting on a budget," he said.

Taft said the money that the Tories are spending right now should be saved and banked.

"It's exactly like we won a great big lottery, if we don't save it we're going to be asking ourselves five or ten years from now where did it all go," he explained.

"We're saying (we should start) endowment funds, the interest of which would be spent. We should never, ever spend our capital."

Taft said this government has become "absolutely reckless" and "nearly dysfunctional," mentioning the "gross negligence" by Premier Ralph Klein and the lack of time spent in legislation.

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Tourism association asking municipalities to fund coordinator

by Shawne Mohl

With a growing membership list, a huge territory, and so many benefits coming from the local Prairies 2 Peaks (P2P) Tourism Association, the hardworking group of volunteers which have been running the organization since 2002 are asking municipalities to step up to the plate and provide the funding to hire a staff member. Kathleen Windsor, promotions coordinator for the organization, who volunteers endless hours like so many others, says that despite enjoying working with P2P, the work load is just becoming too much for volunteers. "Volunteers are working full-time jobs. Any work that we do is either done in the evenings, or on Saturdays," she explained. Windsor added that the P2P volunteers haven't even had time to go out and visit all the different members, which she thinks is vital. "There are so many things needed to be done in this area to market it as a tourism destination, and a volunteer organization simply doesn't have the hours or the expertise needed." "If we hired a staff member, he (or she) could get out there, meet people and would be working 40 hours a week in the position so would have the time to get P2P better known," Windsor added. The history... The P2P association was thought up by the Olds Chamber of Commerce back in the fall of 2002 who invited all interested parties to a meeting. The idea was to try to get local communities better known and promoted more to try to get the economies up. That meeting has led to many others and an organization that just continues to grow, grow and well, grow. The group decided on their coverage area which includes more than just Mountain View County. It also includes the Towns of Bowden and Torrington and parts of Kneehill County, the MD of Big Horn and Clearwater

County. Currently the boundaries go as far north as Highway 587, south-west to include the Cremona and Water Valley areas, east to Torrington, and west to the Banff National Park boundaries. Next the group chose a name which suits the organization well. In the east there are beautiful prairies and as you head west you run into the majestic, world famous Rocky Mountains. The group of dedicated individuals all of whom are volunteers, doing all of this out of the good of their hearts and the love for the place that they call home, they put together a marketing plan, goals and objectives, a budget and a policy manual. Windsor says she was pleased at how fast all the communities in Mountain View County hopped on board when they were approached back in 2003. Every community in Mountain View County, except for the Village of Cremona are members of P2P. In 2005 P2P brought in \$9,020 worth of revenue through the memberships. Municipalities pay \$330 per year to be a member; Community Partners (like Chamber of Commerce, Olds College, and Ag. Societies) pay \$275 each; Business partners (companies who want to be part of P2P and be promoted) pay \$220 per year; Community Service Clubs and Organizations (not-for-profit groups) pay \$110 each. The memberships for P2P, according to Windsor, are about 58 percent urban and about 36 percent rural. The P2P membership fees allow all members to be included in any promotional materials which the group put out, they are all included on the association's website which highlights upcoming events that each member is hosting, as well it allows all members to be included in Tourism Alberta's database. This database promotes all the events that P2P has listed with Tourism Alberta. Steve Lane of Travel Alberta took part in a familiarization tour earlier this year and was amazed with P2P. "The P2P region is a latent gold mine for the tourism industry... it's a small scale version of Alberta," he said. "It's not hurting for anything that tourists want when they come to an area like this. Windsor says that they have heard many people say they want something different to do. They want to do other things besides go to Banff which is very busy and want a place to get away without having to spend thousands to take a trip somewhere else." People are looking for something different to do

and we believe P2P offers that," she said. "It's the best kept secret, really... to use an overused cliché." Windsor and other volunteers have been travelling around to different municipalities trying to tirelessly convince them why P2P is a good thing, and why they should step up to the plate to pay for just one employee to get P2P out there more, which would be a direct benefit to local communities, she says. The tourism benefits, she says are: Direct spending, local tax base boosts (commercial zoning, assessments, budgets), employment, social benefits (more jobs, community pride, more services, population base stabilized), community visibility (visitors have a positive image/reflects on the locals, higher profile outside the region, clearer

sense of community identity, development of community pride). Banff National Park gets over 2 million visitors a year, Windsor explained, adding that if P2P could get even a small percentage of those visitors to come through the P2P boundaries and spend just a little bit of money the benefits are astronomical for local economies. "We we could get just 10 per cent of the people which visit Banff and each of them spent \$20 that's \$4 million being put into the local economy." Municipalities being asked for funds... obviously hiring a staff member isn't cheap, however, Windsor and other volunteers with P2P hope that local municipalities realize the benefits of bringing on a staff member and will commit to a \$2 per capita funding agreement. If all the

municipalities within the P2P boundaries were to contribute \$2 per capita this would bring in nearly \$95,000 worth of revenue for the organization. Based on 2004 population figures the Town of Carstairs would be paying just over \$4,500 per year to P2P, Mountain View County would be paying \$24,268, the Town of Didsbury \$7,864, the Town of Olds, \$12,214, the Town of Sundre, \$4,534, and the Village of Cremona would be \$830. The \$95,000 worth of revenues would pay for more than just wages. \$4,000 would be put towards computer equipment, \$3,000 would go to pay for trade show booths, \$40,000 would be the tourism coordinators wage for the first year, \$10,000 in benefits, \$6,000 for facility rentals and utilities, \$2,400 for phone/internet and fax

services and \$1,200 for copying/postage/other office supplies. Other costs which this \$95,000 would cover would be website enhancements and maintenance, training, and promotional costs for placing ads in tourism books, making up brochures, and other related costs. The total expenses that P2P have proposed to municipalities would come out to be \$116,300 and revenues would be \$118,210 leaving the group with a surplus of just under \$2,000 which could obviously be used to pay for more promotional materials. "We have presented what we believe is an ideal funding formula for promotion and marketing of the region as a tourism destination," Windsor said at a Mountain View County council meeting just weeks ago.

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by Tamara Collins

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Allen Reed, Cindy Tippe, Rod Neufeld, and Dan Peters

The Christmas season is once again upon us, and giving to others is on the minds of the community, and this year the giving gets even

easier. Didsbury's RE/MAX office will be the drop-off location for this year's Christmas Hampers project, located

right on Main St. and open Mon. to Fri. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will start accepting items on Country Christmas, Friday, Dec. 2, and will continue to accept them up until their RE/MAX Free Family Swim on Sunday, Dec. 18, which will be held at the Didsbury Aquatic Center (DAC). On that day you are asked to bring your donations to DAC. Christmas Hampers collect non-perishable food items, gift items for all ages, and money donations. All donations will go to families in

the community who would otherwise go without. Cheques are to be made out to the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, and receipts will be available.

"We really believe in this cause, and that people should help those who are less fortunate," said Allen Reed, RE/MAX realtor. "We are here to facilitate the process, and make it easier for people to give." Hot apple cider and home baked Christmas cookies will be served at the RE/MAX office during Country

Christmas, and the hot cider will continue to stay on for those who stop there to donate items for the Hampers, up until Dec. 16.

"Everyone can contribute something," said Cindy Tippe, RE/MAX realtor. "All the little things add up."

If you have any questions you can contact the RE/MAX office at 335-3377. "Often we take the blessings we enjoy in our own lives for granted," said Reed. "This is a great opportunity to give back."

Field Hockey girls selling Christmas trees

Here comes an opportunity to buy your Christmas tree locally, all while helping the Didsbury High School (DHS) Field Hockey team travel to California this spring to compete in the California Cup.

The plan is for both Field Hockey teams, the juniors and the seniors, to travel to California in May to play against other girls their age from around the world.

To help offset the cost of this trip for the girls, the teams have been steadily fundraising, trying to come up with enough money for new uniforms, extra goalie

equipment, and to cover the cost of the girls' expenses to go. They want to make sure everyone has a fair opportunity to go on the trip.

Their latest fundraising idea came to them after it was announced the Girl Guides would not be selling Christmas trees this year at Home Hardware, or anywhere else.

The teams realized this was a great opportunity for them to sell trees in town, since nobody else was going to.

The trees will start selling on Country Christmas, Friday, Dec. 2 at Mugs from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., on the back

patio. That same night the girls will set up a table of baked goods in front of Mugs, in another effort to raise money for the trip. They will be selling cookies, cakes, pastries, brownies, and other goodies they will bake themselves. "We will be selling a variety of kinds," said Jaime Lawn, DHS Field Hockey teammate. "We prefer cash, but we will accept cheques. You can also put a tree on hold, but you must pay for it up front, then you can pick it up when you are ready."

The trees will be selling all the way until Dec. 22, Mon.

to Fri. 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sat. and Sun. 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

"We are really looking forward to this trip," said Lisa May, DHS Field Hockey teammate. "It is going to be an amazing experience, a bonding experience for all of us." Lawn, who is in her senior year, says the trip will be especially special for her and the other girls who will be graduating this year.

"It will be a great way to say goodbye, and to have one final amazing memory," said Lawn. "The last thing we do as a team, I am so excited."



Lisa May and Jaime Lawn

Christmas Carnival coming to town



On Dec. 9, local kids can spend their compressed Friday off from school at a Christmas Carnival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Memorial Complex.

The Carnival will welcome kids ages 6 to 12 years old, and younger kids will be allowed if accompanied by

an adult. The cost is \$10 per child, and that includes activities, lunch and snacks.

"There will be swimming, skating, crafts and Christmas baking," said Nicole Aasen, organizer. "Kids can participate in whatever they like the most, and they can go from one activity to another."

All participants need to bring their swim gear and skates, if they have some.

"We wanted to have a Christmas program for kids, and we thought having it on a compressed Friday off school would be a good day. A lot of parents need to find babysitters for those Fridays, so maybe this will help

them, it's free babysitting."

Everyone must be pre-registered for the Carnival, and you can do so by calling 335-7369 by the end of the day on Dec. 7.

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Christmas is in the air

by Tamara Collins

Didsbury is about to get a real Country Christmas feel to it this week when the old flower baskets hanging downtown are taken down, and replaced with beautiful Christmas arrangements.

"We wanted to have them up for Country Christmas, and add some green life to town during the winter months."

-Byron Sayer,
Town parks and
arena manager.

"We are taking down the baskets and making arrangements with Christmas greens and ornaments," said Byron Sayer, Town parks and arena manager. "Then they are going back up in time for Country Christmas."

The idea came to Sayer and Victoria's Flowers owner Gord Fulton one day when they were standing outside discussing the baskets, and brainstorming some ideas for them. Victoria's Flowers will be doing arrangements for all 33 baskets.

"We wanted to have them up for Country Christmas, and add some green life to town during the winter months," said Sayer. "We are filling them with real greens, not fake ones."

Sayer is not sure how long the flowers will last, but he is hoping the baskets can stay up at least till the end of January.



photo by Tamara Collins

Gord Fulton, owner of Victoria's Flowers, works on a basket for the Town of Didsbury, to hang and replace the old flower baskets in the downtown area.

The Fun has just begun at Prairie 4-H Multi Club

by Cassandra Rasmussen

Weigh-in day went smoothly with the weighing of the animals and members. With the shocking weight of the members being 1534 pounds. Ryan Hunter guessed the closest weight and won the special prize.

Gary Shultz is planning the club's public speaking. Possible dates were discussed and the members discussed going carolling closer to Christmas.

On November 25, we will be going paint balling with West Didsbury 4-H club for our Christmas party. We are looking forward to this fun party.

Thank yous were sent to everyone who has donated to our club. Our next meeting is a potluck supper meeting on December 9 at Lone Pine Hall. Our books have arrived so we can get to work. Watch for more exciting news from Prairie Partners 4-H Multi Club.

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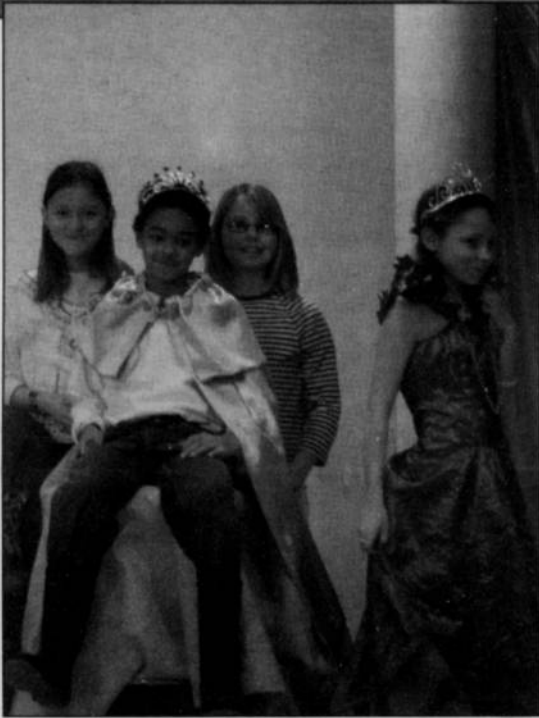
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Monday, December 5, 2005 at 7:00 PM
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Olds and District Music Teachers Association's annual scholarship recital



The Olds and District Music Teacher's Association held their annual scholarship recital on Friday, November 18 at the First Baptist Church in Olds. Lenora Johnson, a violin teacher from Carstairs, provided a unique pre-recital entertainment by performing contemporary selections with her electric violin. Several students from Olds and the surrounding communities of Innisfail, Didsbury, Carstairs, Bowden and Sundre then performed a variety of piano, vocal and instrumental selections. At the conclusion of the recital, over \$1300 in scholarships were presented to those students who received the highest examination marks for the 2004/2005 teaching year. These scholarships are made possible through the very generous support of a number of local and area businesses and organizations. Congratulations to each recipient!

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A time for giving at Midway School



Legion members look on as two students from Midway School take time to remember those who fought for our freedom during the Remembrance Day ceremony.

by Chris Roedler

Midway School, along with the community, has begun the Christmas season a little early, and look to carry it through until December 23, the last day of classes for the 2005 year.

The kindergarten hosted one of the best Halloween arcades on

October 31. The school and community had the opportunity to take part in fun games, great food and dressing up in wonderful costumes. Many thanks go out to the kindergarten parents and volunteers for organizing this fantastic event.

With Halloween comes the annual UNICEF collection,

and students made sure that they collected donations for this important cause. They raised \$94.60 for UNICEF, a very impressive amount for a small school! Thanks to the students and those who generously donated. Also, the penny board is up to \$74.50, and this number continues to

rise as students bring in their pennies. This money is for the Discovery Wildlife Park in Innisfail.

The annual Pie Social and Graduation on November 4 was another success for the school. The 2004/2005 grade 6 graduates were the guests of honour, and were treated to entertainment by the current students. Ruth Good, their former kindergarten teacher, delivered the address, and recalled many stories about each of the graduates. Three of the graduates recalled their years at Midway.

The graduation was not the only event of the evening. A pie sale took place, with slices of pie sold to the hungry audience. A total of \$217 was raised in the sale of these slices (and at \$1.00 a slice, that is a lot of pie). The kindergarten class also raised \$1090 through an auction of 11 baked items. Many thanks to Cecil Klassen from Lin-Alta Auctions for donating his time and adding that professional auctioneering! All in attendance left

happy and full.

The school has also just completed a Book Fair with the theme Enter the Kingdom of Reading. The front end of the school was decorated as a castle, which helped enhance the theme. The sales from the fair totaled \$1857, and the school received \$1042 in books for the library. Special thanks to Mrs. Shultz, Mrs. St. John and Mrs. Donovan for the time and effort they put into this event.

November 11 is a time for remembrance, and students took time to remember those who fought for our freedom in all the wars. A poem was narrated by Mr. Vernon, and was followed by two students laying a wreath for the fallen soldiers. The students of the school sang a song about peace. Members of the Royal Canadian Legion were also in attendance and shared their experiences of the wars. Thank you to Mr. Jepps, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Youngs for taking the time to come out and share in the day of re-

membrance.

The students have been busy collecting goods for Operation Christmas Child. The EMS people from Didsbury drove out to the school to pick up 20 boxes to help make Christmas special for those less fortunate.

The kindergarten is taking orders for reindeer candy grams starting December 12. These candy grams will be sold for fifty cents each with the proceeds going to the Food Bank. Call the school at 337-2888 if you wish to order some.

The annual Christmas concert will be held on December 22 at 7 p.m. The cost of admission is a donation to the Food Bank. This year, the play is based on an old Inuit legend, and fits nicely into the new grade two Social Studies program. Everyone is invited to attend this production.

We welcome two new students to grades two and three! They have been wonderful additions to the school!

All of us at Midway School appreciate all of the community support. Thanks for supporting our school.

Water: Use Only When Necessary



As part of the SEEDS Foundation water challenge elementary school students protect and preserve water

The children of Pines Community School in Red Deer had a lot to celebrate this March. That's when their school became the first in Alberta to complete the SEEDS (Society, Environment and Energy Development Studies) Foundation Alberta Centennial Water Challenge.

The Challenge, an invitation to elementary school students to take actions at home to protect and preserve water, is sponsored by Devon Canada Corporation. It is a small but important component of Devon's larger water management plan.

"Devon Canada can be commended for having an integrated plan resulting in an 18 per cent reduction in overall water use," says Bev Yee, Assistant Deputy Minister, Alberta Environment. The reduction has allowed Devon to return an unused fresh water license to Alberta Environment in 2004 and actively evaluate others for return or reduction, so as not to hold unneeded permits.

The company has tracked its water usage since 2001. Volumes are metered and reported through various internal systems.

Because of this approach and attention to water management, one of Devon's senior executives now represents the industry on the multi-stakeholder Alberta Water Council – a group that will help carry out the provincial Water for Life Strategy.

"Industry involvement in community-based educational activities that support water conservation are vital to the success of the Water for Life strategy," says Yee. "Commitments like this will help us achieve the provincial goal of improving water use efficiency by 30 per cent by 2015."

For more information on Alberta's water strategy visit www.waterforlife.gov.ab.ca.

Go to www.seedsfoundation.ca to learn more about SEEDS' energy and environmental education programs.

Coaching Safety into a Winning Team



Burlington safety coaches Jack Brazil and Richard VanDebon

"By personally visiting our rig site, the safety coach gives hands-on direction to make sure everyone knows the safe way," says Colin Baron. Baron is a driller on Phelps Drilling Rig Number 53 and like all sports fan, knows you need a good coach to field a winning team. Players may have unique expertise but forging them into a championship team takes top coaching.

Drilling contractor crews are made up of individuals with their own skill sets and experience levels. In high-activity areas like the rig floor, using tongs, laying down drill pipe and running casing require the utmost care and attention to safety. This is especially important when crews have limited experience working as a team.

Traditionally, drilling industry safety programs have focused on equipment inspections, basic safety training, incident reporting, contractor orientations and implementation of program requirements. But Burlington Resources Canada Ltd. saw the need for a new tactic that focuses on people rather than equipment: a safety coach.

Focusing on rigs and crews with previous incidents or less-seasoned workers, Burlington successfully piloted this new drilling safety initiative. They provided safety coaches to 44 contracted rigs to guide, demonstrate, advise and mentor crews. The plan included one-on-one coaching of well site supervisors and other personnel. It's hands-on and interactive – learning how to work together to be aware of hazards and inexperience on the job. At the end of 2004, the first season of coaching, Burlington saw a 40 per cent reduction in total recordable incidents.

Burlington has hired three full-time coaches and extended the program to its well servicing operations. Drilling contractors are also pleased.

"A safety coach is another piece of the puzzle as we strive to achieve an incident-free workplace," says Baron, "and take Phelps Drilling and Burlington where we want to be – at the top of the safety ladder."

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Jackson Women's Institute Update

submitted by
Lita Reid

The Nov. 23rd meeting of the Jackson Women's Institute was held at Judy Bellamy's on a beautifully mild day with 13 members present as well as guests Marilyn Ridley, Shelley Phee and little Anna Sanders, Noreen Olson's precious granddaughter. President Ev. Robertson opened the meeting by reading a poem "Me At 93" after which we repeated the Mary Stewart Collect and sang "Loch Lomond", which hostess Judy had chosen.

The Roll Call "A Local improvement I'd like to see" was answered emphatically by several members wishing that Hwy. 22 be upgraded with passing lanes on all the hills, if not twinned all the way. Other suggestions were patching holes in the roads, having lines painted on secondary roads, treating gravel on sideroads to lessen the dust as well as numbering exits on highways so that better directions might be given. More local hospital beds need to

be opened [they do exist]; trees on roadsides need to be removed well back from approaches to another road; road signs erected that would shock drivers into slowing down before crossing the Dogpound bridge on the Blind Line [rather than flying over it!] and lastly, store fronts spruced up in Cremona.

Treasurer Marie Olson informed us that nearly all the Quilt tickets are sold. Dorit Bird has kindly picked up some Farm Safety Kits for us to sell at Winterfest, Dec. 3, at Cremona. Baking and jams will also be sold at our table plus paintings and cards. Lita Reid reported that the Nursing Home Tea was well attended and successful, due in part, to the excellent entertainment provided by Doreen Allen and Verna Allenspach.

A large crowd attended the Nov. 11 Remembrance Day services. Thank you to Elma Bird for presenting the wreath of behalf of the Jackson WI.

Much Correspondence was dealt with and updates given in the AWI

President's letter re: the upcoming FWIC Conference at the Capri in Red Deer next June. The Eagles Nest in Cochrane alerted us to the need for clothes, toys, books, dishes, pots and pans for families at Morley. Lita moved, seconded by Kathie Reid that we collect such items and bring them to the Feb. meeting. Motion Carried. Marie Olson read Dorit Bird and Toni Bennett's report of the excellent conference which Director Brenda Willsie held at Three Hills for our Wild Rose Constituency. You can phone 416-441-4062 to the Canadian Telemarketing Association if you wish to be rid

of all those unsolicited phone calls, or the CRTC at 877-249-2782.

Several ladies will prepare readings for the Christmas program at the Dec. 14 meeting. Lita passed around an album full of snapshots of WI events captured over the years. Darlene Hallett will assume the roll of collecting them in the future. We voted to give a donation to Operation Eyesight this year. Lita sent a sympathy card to Florence Bernackevitch after the loss of her husband on behalf of Jackson WI.

We are indebted to Marie Olson for her years of dedication as our Treasurer and persuaded

her to continue her good work. Thanks to Mary Thomson who accepted the task of Secretary. We spent a short while filling out our schedule for 2006 concerning where meetings will be held and Topics will be given. The Planning Meeting will take place at Marie Olson's home Dec. 6.

Hostess Judy then presented her topic on Environment & Conservation by reading an article by the Alberta Institute of Wildlife & Conservation. The AIWC had a fantastic and busy summer caring for 11 beautiful fawns which were brought to them for as many different reasons. They will be kept during

the winter and hopefully be able to be released into the wild next spring.

Darlene thoughtfully offered to deliver the Women's Shelter donations collected today to the centre in Red Deer.

For the "Bit of Fun", Lita read 3 jokes to end a busy meeting.

Our Christmas meeting will be held at Lita's home, Dec. 14. Don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy or gift for our local hamper.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Women's Institute should phone Ev @ 337-3052 or Dorit @ 337 2042.

Didsbury Elks Installation

by Shirley & Marge

On Sat. evening Nov. 19, a new slate of officers were installed for the year 2006. The incoming officers were ushered to the front by the O.O.R.P. Drill team of Ladies Helen Newton, Irene Dickau, Ellen Tevendale, Sharon Wadel, Karen Smith & Kelly Larson accompanied by pianist Lady Shirley Thompson.

D.D. Bro. Keith McKinnon assisted by Grand Leading Knight Bro. Bill Ward and P.D.D. Bro. Rodger Blackwood of Okotoks ably installed all the officers as follows:

E.R. - Bro. Jim Wadel

Past E.R. - Bro. Brian Clazie

Leading Knight - Bro. Bud Davies

Lecturing Knight - Bro. Gerry Samoisette

Membership Director - Bro. Ian Stewart

Esquire - Bro. Shaun Waite

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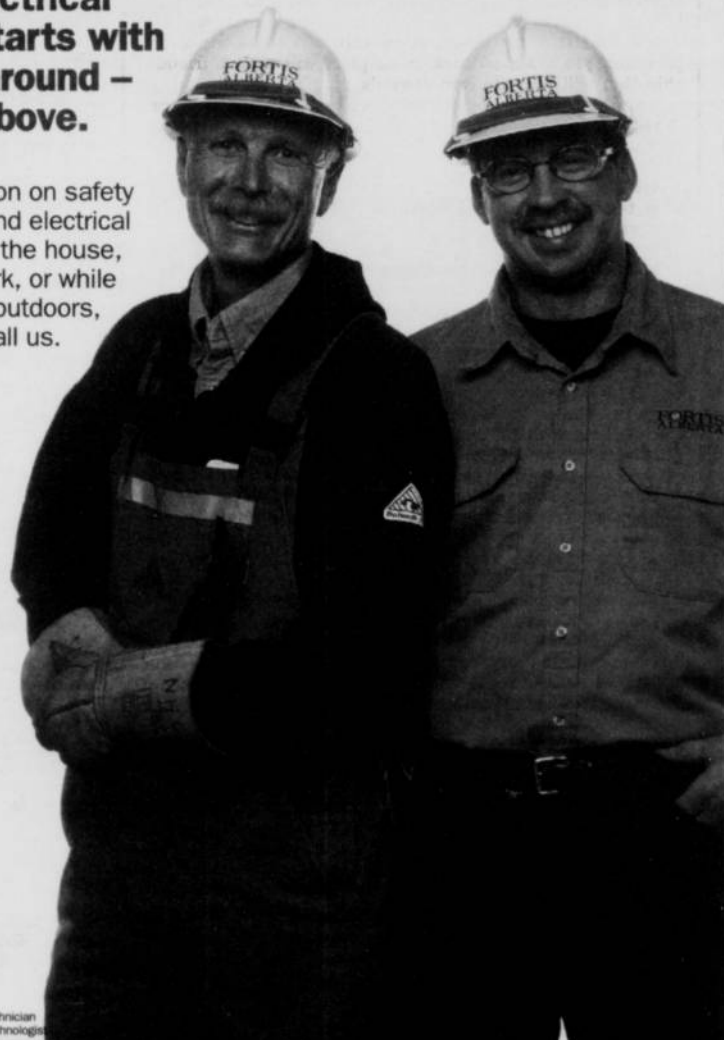
Family and friends enjoyed a lovely lunch.

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Focus on the Family



QUESTION: I have found it very hard to turn loose my kids and face the empty nest. I know I need to release them, but it is so difficult. Can you help me?

DR. DOBSON: The late humorist Erma Bombeck described this difficult process in terms that were helpful to me. She said the task of raising kids is like trying to fly a kite on a day when the wind doesn't blow. Mom and Dad run down the road pulling the cute little device at the end of a string. It bounces along the ground and shows no inclination of getting off the ground.

Eventually and with much effort, they manage to lift it 15 feet in the air, but great danger suddenly looms. The kite dives toward electrical lines and twirls near trees. It is a scary moment. Will they ever get it safely on its way? Then, unexpectedly, a gust of wind catches the kite and it sails upward. Mom and Dad feed out line as rapidly as they can.

The kite begins pulling the string, making it difficult to hold on. Inevitably, they reach the end of their line. What should they do now? The kite is demanding more freedom. It wants to go higher. Dad stands on his tiptoes and raises his hand to accommodate the tug. It is now grasped tenuously between his index finger and thumb, held upward toward the sky. Then the moment of release comes. The string slips through his fingers, and the kite soars majestically into God's beautiful sky.

Mom and Dad stand gazing at their precious "baby" who is now gleaming in the sun, a mere pinpoint of color on the horizon. They are proud of what they've done -- but sad to realize that their job is finished. It was a labor of love. But where did the years go?

That is where you are today -- standing on tiptoes and stretching toward the sky with the end of the string clutched between your fingers. It's time to let go. And when you do, you'll find that a new relationship will be born. Your parenting job is almost over. In its place will come a friendship that will have its own rewards.

Remember: The kite is going to break free, one way or the other. It's best that you release it when the time is right!

QUESTION: If beauty is the most important attribute in determining personal worth in this culture, what is in second place?

DR. DOBSON: It is intelligence as expressed in scholastic aptitude. When the birth of a first-born child is imminent, his parents pray that he will be normal ... that he is "average." But from that moment on, average will not be good enough.

Their child must excel. He must succeed. He must triumph. He must be the first of his age to walk or talk or ride a tricycle. He must earn a stunning report card and amaze his teachers with his wit and wisdom. He must do well in Little League, and later he must be a track star or first-chair trombone or the valedictorian. His sister must be a cheerleader or the senior class president or the soloist or the best pupil in her advanced-placement class.

Throughout the formative years of childhood, parents give their kids the same message day after day: "We're counting on you to do something fantastic. Now don't disappoint us!" The hopes, dreams and ambitions of an entire family sometimes rest on the shoulders of an immature child. And in this atmosphere of fierce competition, the parent who produces an intellectually gifted child is clearly holding the winning sweepstakes ticket.

Unfortunately, exceptional children are just that -- exceptions. Seldom does a 5-year-old memorize the King James Version of the Bible, or play chess blindfolded, or compose symphonies in the Mozart manner. To the contrary, the vast majority of our children are not dazzlingly brilliant, extremely witty, highly coordinated, tremendously talented or universally popular! They are just plain kids with oversized needs to be loved and accepted as they are. Thus, the stage is set for unrealistic pressure on the younger generation and considerable disappointment for their parents.

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Carstairs medical clinic just weeks away from opening

by Shaune Mohl

As many will have noticed the exterior of the Town's soon-to-be medical clinic is coming along well, and according to Town officials just as much is getting done on the inside.

Within weeks the Town's medical clinic will open to the public where they will be able to come to a clean looking, large medical clinic with multi-services readily available.

"We are hoping that the medical clinic for the doctor's sake and everyone else's will be ready to move in on (Monday) December 19 at the latest, but hopefully before then," explained Mayor Lance Colby.

Besides the exterior which still needs to be completed on the front there are a few things holding them up on the inside before the drywall can be put up and the flooring put in.

"The mechanical is holding us up right now. We are waiting to get all the air ducts in, then the drywall will go up and then painting and the floor and it should just about be ready to go," said the Town's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Carl McDonnell.

Once the flooring and painting is complete, furniture such as tables, medical beds, and other things will start moving in.

The medical clinic is going to house three full time doctors and one part-time doctor, which will obviously allow more residents to get in and see a doctor when they need to in a more timely fashion.

Besides the doctors which will be taking up the front portion of the medical facility - located directly across from RE Tire on Hammond Street - a

chiropractor is expected to move in and rent space from the Town as well as the Calgary Health Region (CHR) is expected to move in to offer services to more residents locally.

"We won't know for sure from the CHR until the Spring as they have just started their budget (deliberations)," McDonnell said.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$500,000 and according to McDonnell the clinic renovations seem to be on target.

"I haven't seen all the invoices yet, but we appear to be on target with where we should be," he added.

Town taxpayers, according to Colby and McDonnell, won't be forking over any of their taxes to pay for the medical facility.

The Town will be recovering the costs of the clinic through rent and are hoping to have the clinic paid off within five years time.

Colby says that this medical clinic is essential for Carstairs residents and even the entire region which draw on Carstairs for different services.

"Without the medical clinic we won't have a doctor and without a doctor what does that look like for your Town? We have seniors here; we have people with young children... who are going to facilitate them (if we don't get this medical clinic up and going?)," Colby questioned. "With a medical clinic here the doctors popularity alone will draw people from other communities. It's a financial, economical benefit for the whole Town."

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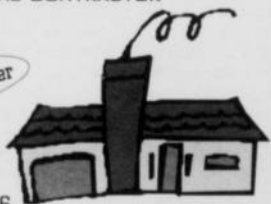
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Grizzlys offensive threat explodes

by Barry Williams

After experiencing problems in finding the back of the net against the Calgary Canucks in Calgary on Nov. 22, the Olds Grizzlys offensive threat exploded as they dented the twine for thirteen goals in chalking up a 6-1 victory over the Camrose Kodiaks and a 7-4 win against the Calgary Royals played before 500 fans at the Olds Sportsplex on Friday Nov. 25.

Against the Canucks, netminder Patrick Inglis stymied the Grizzlys in back-stopping the Canucks to a 4-0 victory before a small crowd at the Max Bell Centre.

Inglis made 25 saves in picking up the shut out. Time after time during the contest, Inglis had the Grizzlys' sharpshooters shaking their heads in wonder as he made several brilliant saves on shots with goal written all over them.

Up front, the veteran netminder received help as Bennett Royer, with two goals, Tyler Gotto and Kyle Burton dented the twine behind Grizzlys' netminder Matthew Wong. Inglis finished the game with 26 saves while Wong blocked 25 shots.

Against the Kodiaks, Wong turned in a brilliant performance between the pipes making 30 saves. Wong was beaten early in the first period as Scott Kobialko dented the twine with a power play goal. The rookie tender regained his composure after the goal and shut the door on the Kodiaks for the rest of the game.

Dustin Moore paced the Grizzlys onslaught of goals denting the twine twice while singletons were scored by Braden Desmet, Michael LeClair, Jeff Smyth and Jody Pedersen. Kodiaks' goalie, David Thompson, finished the game with 30 saves.

Meanwhile, against the Royals, the Grizzlys received two goals apiece from Braden Desmet and Jordan Baker with Dave Cowan, Michael Dempster and Kyle Dorowicz chipping in with single markers.

In filling in for the injured Cole Anderson, Wong played another strong game between the pipes making 30 saves while, Royals' tender Andrew Pinsent kicked out 40 shots. Blinking the red light for the Royals were TJ Galiadi, Jason Napper and Shane Lust with a pair. Three of the Royals goals came with a man advantage. Grizzlys' head coach, Kevin

Hasselberg seemed content with the offensive production but he did show concern about the defensive effort.

"We are an offensive minded team and can score a lot of goals," said Hasselberg indicating he is pleased with the offensive production. "Right now all four lines are contributing offensively," said Hasselberg.

Hasselberg indicated he is comfortable playing all four lines and doesn't hesitate in using them in different situations.

"Every line has had an opportunity to play on the power play and they are producing goals," added Hasselberg noting the power play is taking advantage of their opportunities. Because of the Grizzlys puck movement on the power play the opposing penalty killers are experiencing problems in containing the Grizzlys.

According to Hasselberg, the Grizzlys are creating their own chances on the power play through puck control. Defensively, the Grizzlys have shown improvement but Hasselberg is still concerned about coverage in the Grizzlys' end. Against the Royals, Hasselberg noted the Grizzlys let Calgary back in the game with sloppy defensive play.

"We started running around in our own end and as a result we gave them several good scoring chances," Hasselberg said, noting it was one of the Grizzlys worst defensive efforts.

Veteran Cole Anderson missed the last three games due to an injury which meant Wong was afforded the opportunity of starting three games in a row.

As a rookie netminder, Wong has rose to the occasion when called upon and has turned in some stellar performances. Hasselberg expects, Anderson, an AJHL all-star, will be ready to take up his position between the pipes this week. With the trading deadline nearing, Hasselberg has looked at his options for trades but has yet to move anyone as of now.

"I don't believe we will be active at the trading deadline, right now, I feel comfortable with our mix of players," Hasselberg said.

Because the Western Hockey League teams have to have their rosters declared by the end of December 2005, some AJHL teams have made deals with the WHL but Hasselberg has yet to talk with the WHL teams and he feels confident no deals will be made.

Thank you to everyone who attended the DMHA Pub Night and to all those who donated towards the Silent Auction. Both the Silent Auction and the Mouse Races were huge hits and added to the enjoyment of the evening. Special thanks to Jen Robertson and Bonnie Youngs for all the hard work and planning that went into organizing the event for the association.

Re-tiering.

December 2-4 is Retiering weekend in CAHL. (Central Alberta Hockey League.) This is the weekend that no league games are scheduled and the league moves teams into a tier that is closer to their calibre for the remainder of the season.

December 2-4 promises to be a busy weekend at the Didsbury Arena with the Atom team hosting an invitational tournament. There will be eight teams battling it out to see who will obtain the A and B side championships. The following teams will be in attendance: Didsbury Ramblers, Carstairs Bruins, Okotoks Riggers, Cochrane Rockies, Nanton Colts,

Canmore Ice Cats, Airdrie Red Dawgs, and Trails West Trojans (Calgary). The teams look to be fairly evenly matched so the weekend should produce some close contests. Come on down and cheer on your local team, and take part in the raffle and loonie stick draws. The first round of games are as follows:

Friday Dec. 2, 5:00 pm Carstairs vs Airdrie

Friday Dec. 2, 7:00 pm

Didsbury vs Trails West

Saturday Dec. 3, 9:00 am

Okotoks vs Cochrane

Saturday Dec. 3, 11:00 am

Nanton vs Canmore

Last Weeks Action

Tyke 1 Lost to Kneehill on Saturday and this was not from lack of effort as they worked hard all morning. Their next game will be against Chestermere in Chestermere Dec. 4.

Tyke 2 defeated the Olds Tyke #2 (White Lightning) on Sunday, in what was an exciting game. In the 1st period, Visser opened up with a quick goal 40 seconds into the game. Vickers got the second, then Williams

ended that period with 2 quick goals. The second period saw Jean get 2 goals, Williams, his third, Wallace got 1, then Visser scored his second of the game. Third period action had Williams scoring two more goals to his maximum allowable of 5. Vickers got his second of the game, Visser got another 2, Jean another one and Rothenbusch one. The White Lightning, 1st period goal by Jayden Hammer, 2nd and 3rd period goals by Reed Vammen.

Novice: The team faced a challenging and busy weekend. On Friday against Airdrie, the Ramblers lost 12-4. Saturday against Red Deer, the Red Deer team started out strong and pulled ahead of the Novice Ramblers. The team battled hard and were able to close the gap, losing 9-6. On Sunday, in league play, the team defeated Carstairs 2 with the score 8-6.

Pee Wee On Saturday, played an exhibition game against Red Deer at home -resulting in a 6-6 tie. On Sunday, they travelled to Airdrie for league play, losing 5-4.

Lightning Undeclared on Weekend Road Trip

This past weekend saw the Rocky Mountain Lightning AAA Midgets on a grueling road trip to Fort St. John. In the first game the NE BC/Yukon Flyers opened the scoring on the power play. Jonathan Lefebvre answered back for the Lightning to end the first period 1-1.

The second period saw the Lightning outplay the Flyers as Matt Williams rushed in and scored on a wrist shot fed by Cassidy Collins. Minutes later Mike Arnold did the same on a pass from Matt Richardson and Matt Williams, 3-1 Lightning. Late in the period Lefebvre came out of the corner and backhanded his second of the night making it 4-1 Lightning. Aaron Dell was steady in net as he held the Flyers at bay for the first two periods.

The Flyers came out roaring in the third potting 2 quick goals to spark their comeback. Arnold tucked in his second of the night on a nice feed from Scott Kennedy and Ryan Miller to make it 5-3 Lightning. That wasn't enough to deter the hard driving Flyers as they scored on the rush, firing one in on a delayed penalty.

The Flyers scored on the

power play with the Lightning 2 men down to tie the game, forcing overtime. Unable to notch the twine in OT, the Lightning had to settle for a disappointing tie.

Game two saw the Flyers come out hard but the Lightning were the first to light up the score clock when Curtis Doll found Williams on a beautiful long pass and Williams ripped a slap shot that literally tore through the back of the net. 1-0 Lightning. The Lightning found themselves 2 men down for more than 2 minutes and were short handed for much of the period.

Part way through the third, Collins scored on the power play, with Zellwiger providing the screen for the hard point shot that found the back of the net. Jordan Saylor scored an empty net goal in the dying minutes of the game to seal the 3-0 victory for the Lightning. Garrett Sheehan was amazing in net, as he stopped 53 shots to earn a well-deserved shut out. Head coach Darcy Austin was disappointed that the team allowed the Flyers to come back in the first game.

"Our defensive zone coverage

and forecheck were good for 2 periods, but both dwindled in the third, causing us to give up what should have been a win." "In the second game, it was a reverse of the first, where we stared out slow but gained momentum as the game progressed, finishing strong in the third." "Sheehan held us in the game and we responded with the goals needed to seal the victory."

Sunday saw the Lightning stopping in Grande Prairie to battle the powerful Storm. In the first period the squad played the Storm hard and took the early 1-0 lead as Matt Williams scored on a rebound. In the second period the Storm came on strong and road weary Lightning began to get out played. The Storm scored on a 2 man advantage, ending the 2nd 1-1. Sheehan stymied the Storm time after time as they released their fury on their exhausted opponents. The Lightning fought valiantly through the third period and into overtime to salvage the tie and earn a point.

Come watch the Lightning in action Friday night at the Carstairs Arena when they play host to the Camrose Kodiaks at 8:00 PM.

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Ruth Elizabeth Bouck (Bracken) passed away at the age of 89 years on Nov. 16, 2005 at the Foothills Hospital with her family, niece Mary Thomson and close friend Robert Bergeson by her side. Ruth was predeceased by her husband of 65 years Rueben; sisters Ethel, Hazel, Sarah-Mae and brother Charlie. She is survived by her family, son Donald (Sigrid); two grandchildren, Diana (Bob) and Patrick (Mary-Anne) of Big Prairie, AB; two great grandchildren Delaney and Gavin; her sister Lora Smith; brother Frank (Jean)

Bracken and numerous nieces and nephews. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her. The family would like to thank the doctors and staff at the Sundre Hospital and the Cardiac Unit at the Foothills Hospital for their compassion while she was in their care. We would like to make special thanks to Sherlita Barcarse, Lorna Ruiz and Mila Post of the Philippine Connection Caregivers. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to one's favorite charity. A memorial service was held at the Cremona Congregational Church on Friday, November 25, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Ian Mason officiating. Interment took place prior at the Big Prairie Cemetery. Condolences to the family may be forwarded to mountainviewfuneralchapels.com. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Olds.

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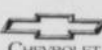


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Mountain View Choraliers
Joyous Sounds of Christmas. Traditional Carols and Christmas Songs at St. Anthony's Catholic Church on Sunday Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. Food Bank donations accepted.

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DIDSBURY

**Didsbury Golf Club
Fall General Meeting**
Wed. Nov. 30th at 7:30 p.m. at the 5-0 Club Didsbury. Agenda will include Financial Report & Election of 2006 Executive.

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Rosebud Ladies Coffee Party
December 7 at 9:30 a.m. at Rosebud Hall. Please bring a sample of your Christmas baking. All ladies welcome to attend.

DIDSBURY

**Didsbury & District
Community Bus Trip**
Tuesday, Dec. 13/05 "Christmas Special" includes concert - Don Messer, supper, etc. Please note the time change. Bus leaves at 12:15 p.m. Please call Bea 353-3058 or Gen 335-3449 for more info.

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**Mountainview Christian
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Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. upstairs in the Carstairs Arena. Topic is "Christmas is for Giving". \$5.00 per person. For reservations phone Vicky 335-3500 or Margie 335-3765.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
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BEAVER'S
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DIDSBURY MUSEUM
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KING HIRAM LODGE
King Hiram Lodge#21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

O.E.S. MEETING
St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Stecker at 335-4281

DIDSBURY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES
The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

SONS OF NORWAY
Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO
Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

LEARNING DISABILITIES
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